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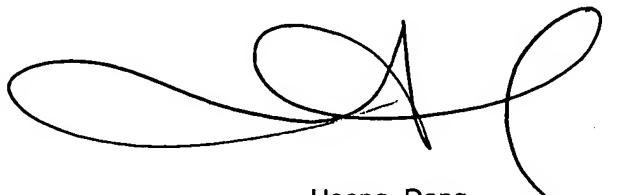
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The reply filed on August 25, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Amended claims 11, 16 and 29 and their dependent claims improperly embrace both process of using and process of manufacturing a sand screen. The language of 35 U.S.C. § 101 set forth statutory classes of invention in alternative only. See Ex parte Lyell, 17 USPQ2d 1549. Applicant is required to amend these claims or replace them with new claims that comply with 35 U.S.C. § 101 so that a restriction between claims 1-10 to a sand screen and the remaining process claims can be properly determined. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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